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Port Almanac—December 18.

Sun Rises	7 04 A M
Sun Sets	4 49 P M
Day's Length	9 h 44 m
High Water at Southport	5 45 A M
High Water at Wilmington	7 38 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 18.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 39°; 8 p. m., 44°; maximum, 50°; minimum, 31°; mean, 40°.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 3.06.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 16.—At 8 a. m the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 9 4 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair and warmer, with southerly winds; possibly light local showers.

OUTLINES.

The Immigration bill passed by the Senate yesterday excludes, in addition to those classes excluded under existing laws, all persons over sixteen years who cannot read and write the language of their native country or some other language; Cuban refugees are exempt from the provisions of the bill. —— Sockholders of the Palmetto Railway, at their meeting in Raleigh, elected Mr. H ffman, of the S. A. L., president. —— Strong shocks of earthquake were felt throughout Wales and the south of England; houses were violently shaken and furniture overturned. —— The injunction to prohibit the payment of the $10 00 purse to Sharkey was dismissed and the case thrown out of court. —— A northeast gale, the most violent in ten years, is raging along the New England coast; several vessels have been wrecked. —— At Hertford, Eng., earthquake shocks caused people to rush from their houses and one woman died from fright; at Ruthin, Liverpool and Bridgenorth the shocks were followed by thunder, lightning and hail. —— Corbett has signed articles to fight Fitzsimmons to a finish, for a purse of $15,000, on March 17, 1897; the place of the battle is to be announced before February 17th. —— An address has been issued by the Cuban League of the United States setting forth the principles and purposes of the organization and asking the aid of citizens in all parts of the country. —— Passengers arriving at Key West from Havana report that great uneasiness is felt on account of the uncertainty of Maceo's death, and say that it is well understood in Havana that the report of his death was made up by order of the home Government to influence the United States Congress. —— The Spaniards report several unimportant engagements with the Cubans, the insurgents are invading Matanzas province and are believed to be concentrating their forces in Santa Clara province. —— The first cargo of corn ever shipped from this country to India will be sent out from Philadelphia this week. —— Several trains in New York were snow-bound and in some instances passengers had to pass the night in the cars. —— Branches of the American Friends of Cuba have been organized in nearly all the larger cities of the United States. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent., closing offered at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 7 8 16c; Southern flour dull, steady and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 00@3 55, good to choice $3 55@3 85; wheat—spot dull and firmer with options; ungraded red 80@98c; corn—spot less active and easier; No. 2 28¾c at elevator and 92¾c afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 80@1 83½; spirits turpentine steady at 26¾@27½.

Mrs. Gertrude Kriger, of Bloomfield, N. J., believed in punctuality. In fact she belived too much in it, for when her husband was tardy in coming to breakfast the other morning she reproved him with a six shooter and shot him dead.

Kansas this year has raised something besides young Pops and hades, for she has 83,000,000 bushels of corn in the fields and cribs. In the first maps that were made of that part of Uncle Sam's domain, Kansas was put down as "arid land."

Neither Senators Sherman nor Allison are sufficiently stuck on the Cabinet to resign their seats in the Senate to go into it. Senators think themselves bigger men than Cabinet officers, to whom they sometimes sneeringly refer, when they don't like them, as "head clerks."

Friday Bargain Day, at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. Ten per cent. off on all cash purchases. †

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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Two "	1.00
One "	50

TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

According to the reports of the Dispensary Superintendents in South Carolina the denizens of that State imbibed this year 26,881,280 drinks, which is something over seventy five drinks per capita per mouth, as that's the way they generally go. As this does not embrace the Christmas tom and jerry, etc's., etc's., it indicates a pretty robust absorbing capacity for the average denizen of the Palmetto Sovereignty.

A South Carolina sheep raiser protects his flocks from depredating dogs and wild "varmints" by seasoning the carcass of a sheep that may fall a victim to them with strychnine. The same dog or varmint never makes a third visit. We know a sheep man in this State who did that and it worked charmingly.

The average Philadelphian will never be able to understand why Mr. McKinley went to Chicago for "a few days to rest" when he might have gone to Philadelphia and found the genuine article laying around loose. And neither will the Chicago man understand it.

"Divine healers," a la Schrader, are becoming so numerous that the people are turning them heelers, fugacious. They mobbed one in Chicago the other night and he saved himself from being scalped or something of that sort by barricading his house until the police arrived.

An Ohio man boasts that he has an egg forty years old, and the stupid galoot never hinted it when Li Hung Chang was meandering through this country. With that venerable egg he might have made himself solid with Li. But perhaps he is a Li ar himself.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE—Kirmess.
OPERA HOUSE—Stuart Robson.
OPERA HOUSE—Woodward-Warren Co.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

J. GRADY—Now ready.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— A force of hands is at work repairing Chesnut street, between Third and Fourth.

— The tug *Alexander Jones*, with the schooner *Hilda* in tow, for Philadelphia, sailed from Southport yesterday.

— Messrs. Mills & Montgomery received a fine lot of horses yesterday evening at their exchange stables, North Water street.

— A few timber rafts brought out by the higher waters in the upper Cape Fear have arrived here, but the demand, at present, is rather slack.

— There will be a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock, at Red Men's hall, over Mr. A. D. Brown's store, No. 18 North Front street, of members of Matathias Senate No. 818, Ancient Order of Essenics. A full attendance of members is requested.

This Is Practical.

Charlotte *Observer*: "A Charlotte man came into the *Observer* office yesterday and subscribed to the paper for one year to be sent to a friend in Baltimore. 'I have been thinking over the question of a Christmas present for this friend for a week or so past,' he said, 'and I finally decided that the best thing I could do would be to send him the *Observer* for one year.' It is a good idea. A present of this kind could not be improved upon."

Possibly some of our Wilmington friends may take a hint from the above. Five dollars will send the STAR, postpaid, for one year to any address in the United States. Why not make your friend a present that will remind him of you every day?

All Next Week.

Next week theatre-goers will have a chance to witness some excellent performances at cheap prices. Manager Schloss has engaged the Woodward Warren Company to play the entire week beginning Monday, Dec. 21. This excellent attraction has never played in Wilmington, but is well known in the larger cities of the South, the entire press of the South being unanimous in praising it. On Monday night ladies will be admitted free, if accompanied by a person holding one paid 20 cent ticket.

— After the Kirmess last night, the Swedish dancers were invited by their chaperone, Mrs. Clayton Giles, to her residence, on Third street, where they enjoyed a delightful supper. They are united in praise of their chaperone.

Don't fail to take advantage of the 10 per cent. discount at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s to-day, their Bargain Day. †

Everything goes at a discount at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s to-day, their Bargain Day. †

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. D. N. Oliver, of Rowland, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. B. D. Townsend, of Bennettsville, S. C., was here yesterday.

—Mr. W. G. Forlong, of the W., N & N. R. R., was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. H. C. Bridge, of Bladenboro, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. W. R. Walker, of Currie, was a visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. R. S. Devane, of Kerr, in the city yesterday, was a welcome visitor at the STAR office.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Currie, of Clarkton, were among the hotel registrations yesterday.

— Rev. W. C. Norman and wife, who have been visiting friends in the city, leave for their home in Raleigh today.

— Messrs. Otto Genaust and Joe Winstead, who have been attending the A and M. College at Raleigh, returned yesterday.

— Rev. W. S. Rone is in the city preparing for the removal of his family to his new field of labor for the present Conference year,

— Among the visitors in Wilmington yesterday were Messrs. S. L. Patterson, W. F. Massey and Frank E. Emory, of Raleigh.

— Messrs. J. H. Royal and W. S. Partrick, prominent and successful merchants of Clinton, spent a portion of yesterday in this city.

— A cablegram was received here yesterday from Mr. K. M. Murchison, Jr., announcing his arrival at Gibraltar on his way to Algiers.

— Visiting wholesale establishments yesterday were J.W. S. Robinson, of Delta; J. P. Stansel, of Alleaton, and J. D. Johnson, of Garland. Other arrivals were T. D. Webb, Morehead City; A. W. Sidbury, Topsail Sound; M. N. Teachey, Teachey's; Ed. Mills, Whiteville; C. T. Lewis, Harrell's Store; V. Sidbury, Holly Ridge.

The Rush Will Come Next Week.

There were some signs yesterday of a lull in business. Merchants, or some of them at least, said trade lacked a good deal of being what it was this time a year ago. And it was remarked that the number of country people in town was unusually small.

All of these discouraging facts, however, a gentleman of wide experience was heard to account for in the most satisfactory manner. He said that he has noticed for years that whenever Christmas comes at or near the end of the week most people postpone their Christmas shopping until Christmas week. And the explanation seems to be perfectly plausible. It is practical and forehanded almost to a fault to lay in a supply of Christmas goods ten or fifteen days in advance, as you would coal or wood. And late shoppers are the only ones that enter most fully into the spirit of the occasion and get the most enjoyment out of it.

It is safe to predict that next week will be a very busy one for merchants and their clerks.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—953 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 10 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—601 bales cotton, 75 casks spirits turpentine, 135 bbls rosin, 114 bbls tar, 9 bb's crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—88 bales cotton, 56 bbls rosin, 17 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—138 bales cotton, 19 casks spirits turpentine, 218 bbls rosin, 124 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—1 bale cotton, 237 bbls rosin, 134 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—275 bbls rosin, 127 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,068 bales; spirits turpentine, 98 casks; rosin, 896 bbls; tar, 416 bbls; crude turpentine 8 bbls.

Wednesday Night's Services at Grace Church.

The lecture room of Grace Church was crowded last Wednesday night, many being present who never think of coming out to a night meeting, thus showing the attachment an appreciative people have for Rev. Mr. Norman, who conducted the services.

Rev. A. D. McClure came in after the services at his church were over, and it was pleasant to witness the affection, attachment and Christian love that Messrs. Norman and McClure have for each other as exhibited Wednesday night, although members and ministers of different denomination.

Revs. R. A. Willis, W. L. Rone and Robt. H Willis were also present.

Notice to Mariners.

The beacon on the eastern part of Outer Shoal, off Cape Hatteras, has been destroyed and erased from the charts. Vessels are warned not to cross the shoals over the site of the beacon as part of it may still exist under water.

A late survey by the United States Engineers shows that but twelve feet can be carried across the bar into Beaufort, N. C., and the charts have been corrected accordingly.

Good Hunting in Onslow.

A party of sportsmen, among whom are Postmaster George L. Morton, Lieutenant Winslow, of Newbern, and several Northern gentlemen, are hunting along the shores of New river, making Jacksonville their headquarters. Sport has been good evidently, as in the express car of the W., N. & N. train yesterday morning there was a large dressed buck consigned to Mr. E. R. Bacon, New York city.

POMPEY LYONS' TROUBLES.

Lost His Money But Recovered His Runaway Wife—Another Woman Charged With Stealing the Boodle.

Mattie Summerfield, colored, gave bond in the sum of $30 yesterday before Justice R. H. Bunting for her appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court to answer to the charge of larceny. During the early part of last week Pompey Lyons' (colored), who lives about three miles from town, had a disagreement with his wife, and while he was away preaching, his wife broke open his trunk and took $18 30 in money and came to the city. She let Mattie Summerfield (at whose house she stayed in the Southern portion of the city) into her confidence and together they hid the money.

When old Pompey returned and found that his wife had skipped, taking $18.30 of his wealth with her, he immediately set out after her. He succeeded in finding his runaway wife, but when he arrived on the scene his wife and Mattie, in their haste to get away, lost the money. But it is claimed that Mattie stole it, and now Pompey and his wife are once more living peacefully together, while the Summerfield woman is under bond to stand trial for the theft.

MRS. PONDERBURY'S PAST.

Stuart Robson and Mme. Janauschek at the Opera House This Evening.

To-night theatre-goers will witness the greatest combination of theatrical talent ever seen on the Opera House stage. From one extreme to the other, Stuart Robson, the eminent and well-known comedian, and Mme. Janauschek, the celebrated tragedienne, will appear in that famous comedy adaptation from the French, known as "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past," which was so enthusiastically received in London last season and which New Yorkers gave an enthusiastic a reception when Mr. Robson produced it for the first time in America. Mr. Robson's name is remembered in connection with many great comedy productions, but especially of late years in "The Henriette," while Mme. Janauschek has been one of the leading exponents of tragedy for a number of years. She is also remembered in this city as a great favorite.

In connection with this clever play, the one-act comedy entitled "Mr. Gilman's Wedding" will be introduced at the beginning of the programme. As young Mr. Gilman and as old Mr. Ponderbury, Mr. Robson will show forth two characteristics, which only proves that his clientelle already know him to be—past master of the art of comedy characterizations, one without peer.

Obtain your seats at Gerken's.

A Stranded Frenchman.

M. E. Mechain, a French sailor, was visiting the stores yesterday, bearing a type-written statement, the point of which was that money given him to help pay his way to New Orleans would be applied to a worthy purpose. It appears that he was mate of the *Terge*, a vessel which was shipwrecked not far from Norfolk, leaving him with neither friends nor money. The merchants whom he visited responded with varying degrees of liberality, about the largest being that of one of the sailor's countrymen.

The statement was dated at the French Consulate at Norfolk, Va., and bore the signature of the Chancellor of the French Embassy at Washington.

Mechain spoke French exclusively, but by dint of signs and gesticulations succeeded in purchasing of a grocery merchant a package of smoking tobacco, which doubtless went a long way towards brightening up Monsieur's prospects.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington postoffice December 18, 1896:

LADIES' LIST.

B—Mrs C W Bridgood, Miss J Badens, Miss Mary Ann Bryant. C—Miss Grace Cleveland. E—Mrs Addie Evans G—Mrs Graves. H—Miss Florence Holt. K—Mrs Carrie Kelly. R—Mrs Mae Ready. S—Mrs Eugene Steadman, Miss Julia Seymour, Mrs Mary Sutton.

MEN'S LIST.

A—M Charlie Anthony. B—Link Berry. C—Antonia Caccioo, J T Cook. D—E T Davis. E—Eddie E Edwards, R W Elliot. F—Nick Freeman. H—Walter Hayden. J—D H Jones. L—Joseph Lhounds, Andrew Lane. M—Ashford McMarton, Eddie Moore R—Jas A. Roberson. S—E W Sikes Joseph Seymour. T—H Turner, G W Thurston. W—Commodore Weaver. M C Montague, G L Price, Isaac Pridgen.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Jamie Adair, Hattie Freeman, G G Lewis.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

Christmas Holiday Excursion Rates.

The C. F. & Y. V. announces a rate of four cents a mile one way for the round trip between all points on its line, on account of the Christmas holidays. Tickets to be sold December 23d to 25th inclusive and December 30th to January 1st inclusive, with extreme limit January 4th, 1897, limited to a continuous passage in each direction.

Tickets may be sold to students upon presentation of certificates signed by the superintendent, principal or president of the college on December 16th to 18th, 1896, inclusive; such tickets to bear final limit January 4th, 1897.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

Ten per cent. off at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s to-day, their Bargain Day. Come early and avoid the rush. †

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INDEFATIGABLE WORKERS.

The Managers of the Kirmess Will Give a Matinee To-Morrow Afternoon—The Close of the Grandest Spectacular Exhibition Ever Given in Wilmington—The Entertainment Last Evening.

The curtain was rung down last night for the last evening on the grandest spectacular entertainment ever given in the Carolinas. For a month past everybody had been patiently awaiting the coming of the "Kirmess" with expectations that have been realized beyond measure, for Wilmington certainly for the last four nights has been on her mettle. The STAR each day gave a full and accurate report of the entertainment, for which it has been highly complimented.

Last evening the entire programme was given, from the opening in which all participated to the grand spectacular closing of the American Indian Ghost Dance. Each number proved an entertainment in itself, and every graceful dancer of the many on the stage a feature. Every dance was received with most hearty, appreciative applause. The procession was led by the stately and beautiful "Columbia," Mrs. S. H. Fishblate.

The ladies and gentlemen who so materially aided in the presentations, and to whom acknowledgment is due, are as follows:

Trainer—Mr. A. J. Macdonnell.

Executive Committee—Mrs George W. Kidder (chairman) Mrs. Wm. Calder, Mrs. Jas. Sprunt, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. Peyton Hoge, Miss Nellie Draper, Mr. W. F. Robertson, Mrs. Joseph K. Nye (secretary) and Mr. Keith Calder (treasurer).

Ticket Committee—Mr. H. A. Whiting and Mr. W. A. Dick.

Costume Committee—Mrs. Joseph K. Nye and Mrs. James Sprunt.

Advertising Committee—Col. D. P. Heap (chairman), Mr. Geo. Elliott (editor), Mrs. W. A. Williams (artist), Col. Walker Taylor, Mr. W. F. Robertson and Mr. Jas. H. Cowan.

Kirmess Inn Committee—Mrs. Chas. King (chairman). Mrs. Frederick Rheinstein, Mrs W. R Kenan, Mrs. W. E. Storm, Mrs. T. H. McKoy, Mrs. Frederick Fosgate, Mrs. Stella Thompson, Mrs. Louise DeRosset, Miss Julia James, Mrs. Mitt Moore, Miss Mary Lily Kenan, Miss Watters, Miss Hart and Mrs. W. O. Sharrer (graphophone).

House and Decoration Committee—Mr. Robt. Sweet (chairman), Mr. W. W. Merrill, Mrs. Josh T. James, Mrs. Warren G Elliott and Mrs. H. Paraley.

Chaperones of the different dances—Mrs. F. A. Lord, Mrs E. M. Gregg, Mrs Caroline T. Meares, Mrs. E. P. Bailey, Mrs. Edw. Sprunt, Mrs. Wallace Carmichael, Mrs. W. Munds, Mrs. Gabriel Holmes, Mrs. Martin Willard, Mrs. H. A. Whiting, Mrs. J. H. Boatwright, Mrs. Oscar Byerly, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. John Wilder Atkinson, Mrs. Alfred M. Waddell, Mrs. Ernest Baltzer, and Misses S. G. Campbell, Lizzie C. Cotchett, Mary Lily Kenan, Mary F. Meares, Ada Sobenck, Mary Kingsbury, Margaret I. Meares and Anna and Kate T. Cantwell.

Cast—Queen of the Kirmess, Mrs. Andrew J. Harriss; Columbia, Mrs. S. H. Fishblate; Diana, Mrs. Hugh MacRae; Indian Princess, Miss Louise Knight; Empress, Mrs. E. P. Boatwright; Gipsy Queen, Miss Annie Blount DeRosset; Mikado, Mr. W. F. Robertson; Indian Chief, Mr. Jas. Black.

To-morrow afternoon at 2 30 o'clock, the Kirmess will be given for the last time at matinee. All the dances will be included in the programme. Admission—Adults, 35 cents; children 25 cents.

THE SENATORSHIP.

What Is Thought in Washington—Claims of Pritchard's Friends and Counter Claims of Populist Leaders.

The Washington *Star* says: "The conditions which prevail in the States where the Republicans hope to elect Senators continue to be the subject of interest. The Republicans, as has been stated, hope and expect to see the return of Senator Pritchard, and are basing their hopes on the information, given to them by McKinley's managers that they have the written pledges of twenty-three Populist members of the North Carolina Legislature to vote for Pritchard. These pledges are said to have been made when the members of the Legislature were candidates before election. If this be true Mr. Pritchard's election is assured, as only sixteen votes are needed. It is said by the Populist leaders, however, that their fifty-eight members of the Legislature will not be swerved from voting for a candidate of their own faith, and that if there is to be any breaking of lines it must be done by the Democrats or Republicans coming to them. They have determined that the new Senator shall be a 16 to 1 free coinage of silver advocate, although this does not mean that he is not to co-operate with the Republicans in the passage of a tariff bill. The Populists argue that if they can send one of their own men to the Senate he will not enter the Republican caucus, and will therefore be free to attack the evils which he may consider the bill to contain, especially with relation to the protection of trusts and monopolies. It is understood that Senator Pritchard will meet the silver question by publishing a letter at the time of the assembling of the Legislature announcing himself for free coinage."

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

To-day, Bargain Day at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s. Buy your Christmas presents to-day. Ten per cent. discount for cash. †

Buy your Christmas presents at C. W. Polvogt & Co.'s to-day, Bargain Day to-day Discount on everything. †

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Do you want a paper that prints the latest telegraphic news, the best local news, reliable market reports, excellent short stories, and the choicest miscellaneous matter? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

OPERA HOUSE.
Friday Evening, December 18th.
Stuart Robson with Mme. Janauschek,
and Mr. Robson's company of actors.
Direction, Wm. R. Hayden.
"Mr. Gilman's Wedding
AND
Mrs. Ponderbury's Past."
Mr. Robson as Young Tilman and Old Mr. Ponderbury.
Mme. Janauschek as the Lady with a past.
Advance sale of seats commence Thursday at Gerken's. Prices $1.50, $1.00 and 50 cents.
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OPERA HOUSE.
ONE MERRY WEEK.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st,
The Woodward-Warren Company.
15—Comedians—15
MONDAY NIGHT
"THE GREAT DIAMOND MYSTERY."
Holiday Prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.
Ladies Free Monday night if accompanied by a person holding one paid 50 cent ticket. dec 18 2t

OPERA HOUSE.
Last Chance.
KIRMESS
Matinee
Saturday at 2 30 P. M.
All the National Dances.
Popular Prices—Children 25 cts; Adults 35 cents. dec 18 2t

Sale of Stock.
BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF Directors of the "East Carolina Piscatorial Association," I will expose for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, in the City of Wilmington, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., twenty shares of the capital stock of the "East Carolina Piscatorial Association," standing in the name of Thomas Perrett to satisfy and pay the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, due as unpaid assessments on said stock; said assessments having been duly and regularly called by order of the said board and payment thereof having been duly refused by Thomas Perrett, the subscriber to said stock.
JOHN D. BELLAMY, Jr.,
dec 4 20t Attorney.

FRANK H. STEDMAN,
Real Estate Broker,
DEALER IN
STOCKS AND BONDS.
Loans Negotiated.
Office in STAR Building, first floor.
dec 13 1w

200 Barrels
New River Mullets
JUST RECEIVED.
250 BOXES TOBACCO, all grades.
30,000 CIGARS.
For Sale at Rock Bottom Prices.
SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
12 Market Street.
oct 25 tf

We have sold to quite a number of our best business houses those 20 cents Tooth Brushes (regular price 35 cents) and they say "the Brushes are all right." Now we want to sell all of these Brushes this week, so if you are going to buy any of them to "lay up" call early as we want all of our friends to profit by this low price.
JAMES D. NUTT,
dec 17 tf The Druggist.

Our SHOES this season are neater, more stylish and stronger than ever. We're constantly improving our Shoe Service. We're giving you better values at moderate prices than ever before. If you want No. 15's come and buy ours. If you want a tiny No 0 come and get it here, and if you should perchance wear any number between; well, just come here and get them.
Very truly yours,
Mercer & Evans,
63½ steps east from corner Princess and Front Sts. dec 16 tf

A. D. BROWN'S
Christmas Offerings
—AT—
No. 29 North Front St
Bric-a-Brac.
Rose Jars in Black, Purple, Lemon and Pink at 40c, $1.00 and 2.00.
Pin-Trays in Black, Pink and Blue, decorated, 25c each.
Hand painted Wine and Medicine Glasses 10c each.
Real Cut Glass Vases at 75c each.
Violet-Jars in shades of Pink, Blue and Green 20c each.
Low Tea Cups and Saucers in Blue, White and Pink, 35c, 65c, 20c, 15c, 25c and 50 cent. Assorted Salad Plates 15 and 20c each.
Oat Meal Sets 75c, variety of colors. Cracker Jars 75c and $1. 5.
Salad Bowls, fancy shades, 50c each. Bread and Butter Plates 20c each.
Sugars and Creams, assorted, Pinks and Greens, $3.75 set.
Sugars and Creams, assorted, Pinks and Greens 75, 50, 35c and $1 00.
Wedgewood in Tea Pots at $3 50; Cream Pitchers at $1.00 and $1 50.
Cut Glass Vinegar Bottles at $1.75. Venetian Vases 35 and 90c.
Dolls, Dolls, Dolls.
RUGS FROM THE ORIENT AND DOMESTIC RUGS FOR XMAS GIFTS. "Nothing certainly is as well adapted as it combines beauty with usefulness;" "a combination not at all times obtainable."
20th Century Toilet Hints.
Delicate Balms, Creamy Unguents, Stimulating Lotions and Soothing Powders that could not harm the skin of a babe, find place within the sanctum of the woman who but a few years ago was practically ignorant of toilet arts.
We are sole Agents for HUDNUT'S TOILET REQUSITES.
Dress Goods, Notions, Handkerchiefs, Carpets, Laces and Gloves.
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A DREAM, IS IT?

We have several times called attention to the hostility shown by the so-called Democratic organs of the North to the proposed international monetary congress, to promote which Senator Wolcott offered a resolution in the Senate the second day of the session. The Republican organs, with few exceptions, as far as we know, favor it because they cannot well do otherwise without admitting that their platform was a fraud, and this they do not like to admit. But few of them believe that anything will come out of the resolution if acted upon by the incoming administration, or out of the congress if held. But the gold Democratic (so-called) organs want it distinctly understood that they do not believe in that kind of foolishness and that silver was knocked out for good by the election of McKinley, although elected on a platform that not only declared for bimetallism, but pledged the party to use its best endeavors to promote the free and unlimited coinage of silver. To show how they talk we present some editorial utterances, the first from the New York *Sun*, as follows:

Our esteemed Republican contemporary, the Cleveland *Leader*, emits what follows in compliment to the Hon. Edward Oliver Wolcott's resolution, adopted by the Senate, for the appointment of a committee of five to propose a plan for legislation with a view to an international conference about bimetallism:

"This shows that the Republicans intend to keep the pledge made in the platform adopted at St. Louis regarding free coinage of gold and silver under an international agreement, and if the silver men in the Senate do not oppose the proposed legislation, as they are likely to do, because international bimetallism would not give them the silver monometallism and incidental repudiation for which they are striving, it is likely that something definite will be accomplished.

"There is no doubt that the sentiment in favor of international bimetallism is growing abroad. The movement has received considerable impetus recently in France and Germany, and large sums of money are being expended by the English bimetallists in their effort to create public sentiment favorable to a larger use of silver as money.

'The Republican party is not unfriendly to silver, in spite of the Popocratic attempt to commit it to the advocacy of a permanent gold standard in this country."

This pledge in the Republican platform never ought to have been made, and was not honestly made. It was a mere spring to catch silver woodchucks. Nobody with any sense expected or expects anything to come out of that pledge. As a matter of fact, it was the one weakness and illogicality in the Republican financial position in the recent canvass. It was an attempt to seem to hedge, without any real intention of hedging.

It is not "likely that something definite will be accomplished" by means of Mr. Wolcott's resolution or any other plan for bringing about international bimetallism. No important nation wants such a thing, and if there are nations that do want it, they are not agreed and cannot come to an agreement upon terms. Provided another international conference can be had, nothing will come of it.

"The sentiment in favor of international bimetallism" is not growing abroad or anywhere else, except in the heads of the few persons who are permanently agitated over the subject. Various European statesmen may be willing to say more or less civil things about it, but not a thing can they be induced to do. In short, "international bimetallism" is pure moonshine and will o' the wisp.

The Cleveland *Leader's* declaration that the Republican party is not unfriendly to silver in spite of the Popocratic attempt to commit it to the advocacy of a permanent gold standard" is a specimen of the cowardly and hypocritical talk on the part of Republicans who know better, which did so much to foster the silver craze. The Republican party, in the last campaign, fought and licked silver monometallism, the false "bimetallism" about which the Popocrats and Populists chatted; and the Republican party fought for and won the victory for a permanent gold standard, gold monometallism. It is strange that there should be in Mark Hanna's town a newspaper so ignorant or so hypocritical as to assert that the Republican party is not in favor of what it battled for this year. Gold monometallism or silver monometallism; those are the necessary alternates. International bimetallism is a dream.

The following is from the New York *Post*, which is a sort of American edition of some London print shop, and edited by Larry Godkin, an imported Englishman, who thus comments on Senator Wolcott's resolution:

"It must be looked upon as solemn fooling, if not worse. It will probably turn out to be worse, since it confirms to a certain extent what the Bryanites said all through the campaign, that the country and mankind are suffering for want of bimetallism. If that is the truth, of course they must keep up the fight to bring it about, and logically the Republicans ought to join them. If the requisite number of foreign nations will not join us, then it is equally incumbent on us to do something to bring in bimetallism at home, and the only subject of dispute is whether the ratio of 16 to 1 is the true one, or whether we should adopt one nearer to the market ratio."

The *Post*, like its much abler exemplar, the *Sun*, doesn't want any bimetallism, but believes in sticking to gold as the only good and respectable money.

The New York *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin*, a non-partisan, gold standard paper, which regards bimetallism as a sort of reminiscence, expresses its antagonism thus:

"We cannot with self-respect take the initiative regarding another international monetary conference. We cannot take such a step without convincing the world that the free silver sentiment is still powerful here and may at any time get control of the government. All the substantial results of the late election will be dissipated if the Republican Senators weakly allow a reopening of the silver controversy. Surely they can have no doubt now of the popularity of maintaining the existing gold standard, and they must realize the unutterable folly of further truckling to the interests of the silver-producing States."

Here are the views of three leading gold standard journals on the simple proposition to move in the direction of seeing what can be done by the leading commercial nations of the world towards reinstating silver as a full money metal. The first claims to be a Democratic, the second an independent, the third a non-partisan paper, but they are all opposed to any movement to give silver more recognition than it now has, and they voice the sentiments of the men who were most active in the last campaign in the opposition to Wm. J. Bryan, who stood as the chosen representative of the bimetallic sentiment of the country.

There is one conspicuous trait in the *Sun*, which is the candor and bluntness with which it takes its positions on public questions and asserts its opinions; but its editor-in-chief is not a Democrat, never was, and has no right to speak for the Democratic party on the silver question or on any other question; but we agree with him fully when he asserts that the declaration for bimetallism in the St. Louis platform was a fraud put in there to deceive voters who were friendly to silver, and by men who were fighting for gold monometallism but didn't have the honesty or courage to admit it. Now that they have by aid of this fraud triumphed, they declare with the *Sun*, which voices them, that "bimetallism is a dream" and "gold monometallism" an accomplished and permanent fact. And yet, when the advocates of free silver in the past campaign charged that under cover of their bimetallic professions the supporters of Mr. McKinley and the bolting Democrats who supported Decoy Palmer were really fighting for gold monometallism they hurled back the accusation as a slander invented to impose on honest voters.

Do the friends of free silver need a stronger corroboration of their assertions or a more convincing justification of their past and present attitude than the post-election declarations of these gold organs? We think not.

MINOR MENTION.

Every one who knows anything about the methods pursued in this State at the last election is morally satisfied that the Republican machine managers won their victory by fraud and the corrupt use of money. We have a case in point, by way of illustration, from Jackson county, where in the November election there was a tie vote on the candidates for the Legislature, necessitating another election, which was held Tuesday, last week. Walter E. Moore was the Democratic candidate, and the issue straight between silver and gold, Mr. Moore standing on the Chicago platform, and his competitor for gold and the re-election of Pritchard. In an interview Mr. Moore, who was in attendance at the Federal Court in Charlotte, told the *News* reporter how he was defeated, thus:

"What defeated me was simply the use of money. I have been informed by the most reliable persons that at least $3 000 in cash was spent in the county. The owners of several mines in the county threatened their employes with the loss of their situations if they voted for me, and that had its effect.

"Where the heelers could not influence a man to vote the Republican ticket, they paid him to stay at home.

"There are ninety-five Indian voters in the county, and every influence was brought to bear on them. One of them pulled out ten dollars at the polls and gave that as his reason for voting the Republican ticket.

"There are 2 000 voters in the county, and the vote was a tie in the November election. In the last election fifty less votes were cast, all of which I lost, and my opponent gained 13 votes. I think I boodle had not been used, and the people of the county were let to a free expression of their will at the polls, I would have carried the county by at least 400."

Never before within our recollection has the power of money been so felt in any of our elections, although we have frequently had to contend against it, and never before were there such open, persistent and systematic efforts made to influence employes where the employers were opposed to the election of Wm. J. Bryan, and to the recognition of silver as demanded by the Chicago platform.

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It is very far from being an established fact that Maceo has been killed. The mystery that clouds it leaves his taking off still a matter of doubt, so much so that many Cubans refuse to believe it, and some still assert that he is alive and was seen alive after his reported death. But whether he be dead or not, or whether he was killed in battle, as alleged by the Spaniards, or brutally and treacherously assassinated, as charged by others, Spain has covered herself with infamy—not on the reports of her enemies, but by the statements of her military officers in relating the story of the killing and what happened afterwards, to account for the failure to produce and establish the identity of the slain general. We referred yesterday to a statement made by Dr. Zertucha, Maceo's surgeon, who is charged with his betrayal, in which he said that the Spaniards tied the bodies of Maceo and young Gomez to their horses' tails, but seeing a body of insurgents approaching they cut the bodies loose and fled. This statement is in part corroborated by Maj. Cirujeda, in command of the soldiers who are said to have killed Maceo, who in accounting for the failure to produce the bodies of Maceo and Gomez said:

"The two bodies were tied by the feet to the tails of some horses and thus dragged over the ground, the intention being to carry them to town for identification. But after going a mile the horses became tired and the bodies were cut loose and left in the road."

That is a very thin story, but as thin as it is it is accepted without rebuke by the Spanish authorities, and brands them as brutes capable of doing what an untutored savage would be ashamed to do with the body of a fallen foe.

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The expression of views by the Senators who spoke Wednesday put a quietus on the Dingley tariff bill, or any other tariff bill for this session or any other session, unless the Protectionists can corrall more votes than they have now or are likely to have for at least two years to come. Senator Teller spoke for the Republican Silver Senators, Senator Gorman for the Democratic Silver Senators, and both of these emphatically declared that the tariff talk was simply a fake to divert attention from the more important money question, and substantially declared that nothing could be done with the tariff until something had been done to settle the money question, and they are in a position at present and, as far as the indications point, for the next two years to make good that declaration. The result of this may probably be to bring the Protection Senators to taw on the money question and make them get a move on them for the monetary congress which will at least carry the appearance of their being in earnest and really anxious to do something for silver, for they may have begun to realize the fact that tariff legislation is dependent upon money legislation, without one or both of which McKinley's administration will be a failure and the Republican victory a Dead Sea apple.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— The fellows who have recently been taken in under the protecting wings of the Civil Service will readily agree with Mr. Schurz that, so far as office holding is concerned, we are rapidly bearing down on the period of perfection.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

— The Republicans are talking of calling a Monetary Conference of all Nations to settle the question of using silver as coinage. But what for? They have not got through claiming that that question was settled by the late election.—*Brooklyn Eagle, Dem.*

— "Aren't there half a dozen Democrats in the United States Senate,' asks a Republican organ, "who will bury party in patriotism and vote for a reasonable revenue bill?" Certainly. There are three dozen of them. The trouble is that they will not get a chance to show their patriotism in that way for two years to come, at least.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem*

— The treatment which Dr. Zertucha is receiving at the hands of the Spanish is evidence that the death of Maceo was accomplished through treachery. Every Cuban heretofore surrendering to the Spanish forces was treated as an enemy to Spain. Zertucha is treated as an enemy to Cuba.—*Richmond Star, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— "My face is my fortune, sir," she said.

"That's plain enough," he replied, absently. Then it took him three hours to explain what he meant.—*Answers.*

— "He has broken my heart!" wailed the beautiful girl.

"There, there; don't take on so," said her friend in tones of pity. "It might have been your bicycle."—*Judge.*

— "Those Eskimos up in Alaska have good sound common sense."

"How so?"

"Why, when they fall in love with a girl they announce it by sending her a sealskin sacque."—*Chicago Record.*

— "I am surprised that Jones should turn out to be so incorrigible a liar."

"I'm not. What else could you expect from a man with hook nose and fishy eyes?"—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

— "Talk about luck! That man Desglow has it-in triple-plated chunks."

"How do you figure it out?"

"Why, his wife was born on Christmas, and Christmas is also the anniversary of their marriage. You see, the rest of the year is pure velvet for him."—*Cleveland Leader.*

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Charlotte *News*: It is reported here to day that Mr. Jim Tomberlin, who lives between Matthews' station and Monroe, fell from the rear end of a Seaboard train yesterday and broke his neck. The report could not be verified.

— Clinton *Democrat*: Mr. Rufus Faircloth, an aged and esteemed citizen of Little Coharie, died suddenly at his home on the night of the 8th inst. His death was due to a heart affection. Mr. Faircloth was about 77 years of age.

— Jacksonville *Times*: Mr. H. C. Canaday has purchased an old time clock that has done good service to its many owners for over two hundred years, and is now faithfully ticking off the seconds, minutes and hours for its new owners.

—Shelby *Aurora*: On Monday Joe Shuford, a negro well known in Shelby, and Will Saddle, another negro, fell out over a game of dice, just across the line and on the South Carolina side, near Grover. The result was that Saddle shot and killed Shuford.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mr. Henry C. Riley, a large capitalist of Philadelphia, has been here a few days. He is in partnership with Messrs. Lovit and W. T. Hines in the big lumber plant to be established here, work on which will be commenced very shortly.

— Goldsboro *Headlight*: The store of Mr. John E. Crow, corner of Chestnut and James street, was burglariously entered Monday night, through one of the rear side windows, and about $350 in cash was taken from the safe, which happened to be unlocked. Luckily, the thief left $200 in bills which Mr. Crow had laid away among some insurance policies, and which, of course, were overlooked.

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New England Women's Society.

The first year of existence of the National Society of New England Women recently closed in a manner augering well for its future. Organized a year ago last March, its membership has steadily increased, reaching now considerably over 200, with a large waiting list. Success has attended all its endeavors socially and financially, and its prospects indicate even greater usefulness and prosperity another year. A most interesting feature of its method of work is its historic day, held every month. At these meetings a programme made up of special colonial periods is presented. The ground has been carefully covered to the close of the seventeenth century, and many delightful papers have been included in the outline.

The last historic day of the season, held a short time ago, was one of the most brilliant. It included a luncheon and reception at the Windsor hotel, besides the literary programme. The occasion was called Mayflower day, and the papers treated of that historic ship. It was hoped to decorate the tables at luncheon with arbutus, the typical New England flower, but the late spring vetoed this plan, none of the blossoms being found. Mrs. E. A. Greeley presided as chairman of the literary portion of the day. Delightful papers and addresses were presented by Mrs. Theodore F. Seward, Mrs. J. F. Scudder and the Rev. Phebe Hanaford.

To Be a Museum of Fashion.

Paris, long reputed to be the center of fashions in feminine attire, is now about to have an institution called the Salon National de la Mode. This will be a sort of museum, exhibiting within its precincts all the styles of dress worn by the ever changing followers of the fashions during the close of the present century. Everything used for the adornment of the female form is to be visible in the new institution, and it is intended to make the collection of lace embroidery, linen, dresses, parasols, gloves, hats, jewels and perfumery comprehensive and unique. All exhibits will be accurately classified and dated, so that the visitors to the fashion show may be able to wander from the hat which went out in 1895 to the ornamental head covering by which it was replaced in 1896, and so on with regard to the other articles of attire.

There is also to be an exhibition of the divers adjuncts of masculine dress, and the ties, hats, canes and coats favored by the male exquisites of the end of the century will find a prominent place in the new salon. The institution is to be a very serious affair, for the Salon National de la Mode is to exist, according to the determined design of its organizers and patrons, for art's sake alone, and no vulgar requirements are to be gratified inside its hallowed portals.—Paris Letter.

Mrs. Beecher on Fashions.

Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher thinks that many of the prevailing fashions are absurd. "What can be more disgusting over a small, delicate face than the most absurd and troublesome headgear worn?" she said in a recent article. "We turn from this ridiculous structure to the dress, which surely should by simplicity modify the absurdity of the other.

"But, alas, the deformity of the headgear sinks into insignificance when one sees a dress flounced, puffed and sweeping the streets with a long train. But what ejaculations are strong enough to express the surprise and disgust when one looks at the sleeves! Surely absurdity can go no farther. But fashion is a tyrant, and volumes written about the harm she does will be of little use until women defy her and make her subordinate.

"The efforts and admonitions of age and long experience have but little if any influence toward checking the long established control that fashion for years has held over her followers. The old look sadly on the vagaries of the young, but if they should look back to their own early days they might recall absurdities. Perhaps even the dress and style to which for a long time they have pertinaciously adhered will be thought by the young liable to the same criticism."

After the Beautiful Sermon.

"You ought to have gone to church this morning, Billiger," said Mrs. MoSwat, removing her wraps. "It was such a beautiful sermon. The preacher showed that everything has its place in the plan of creation. Even the snakes, mice, lizards, caterpillars, fleas and things of that kind that we consider nuisances fill some important and useful mission in life, he says, if we could only know what it is."

"Did he say anything about that freckle faced Stapleford boy next door?" asked Mr. MoSwat.

"Don't scoff, Billiger. It was such an uplifting discourse. It reconciled one to the—Oh, look! Look!"

"What's the matter, Lobelia?"

"That nasty cockroach! Ooh! Kill it quick!"—Chicago Tribune.

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SHOULD WOMAN PROPOSE?

Mrs. Gilmour's Witty and Timely Answer to the Question In the New York Herald.

The New York Herald has been having a letter contest on the subject, "How Far May a Woman Go to Encourage a Man to Propose?"

Mrs. James Gilmour of Brooklyn wrote the winning letter, and as the subject is one that will interest all women, and as her letter is especially witty, here are Mrs. Gilmour's ideas as she gave them to The Herald:

Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived, says of a good woman, "Her price is far above rubies." Certainly, from his extraordinary and extensive experience with the sex, I should consider him competent to pass judgment.

We will presume that you are a "good, womanly" woman, such as he describes, and that you are desirous of approaching a man on the subject of matrimony—that you are anxious to induce him to propose.

First.—Select the man on whom you intend to bestow the privilege of your attention, note his behavior and general conduct, and then, if you deem him worth the winning, hold fast to him. We are strictly enjoined to "hold fast to that which is good."

Second.—In your after companionship with him bear in mind the fact that you are a woman of great price, "far above rubies," and you will never compromise yourself by any indecorousness of speech or manner.

Seek his society in such a manner that he is not cognizant of being sought after; be bright and cheerful in his presence; sympathize with him in his troubles; stimulate him to best efforts in his business affairs; cheer him when he is despondent and encourage him to confide in you.

Dress becomingly for him, but never gaudily. When he is absent from you write him a few interesting, chatty letters, wherein, if you are an adept in the art, you can weave a few insinuating expressions which may work wonders. "The pen is mightier than the sword."

Above all else, prove yourself a good listener. If he monopolizes three-thirds of the conversation, you will have the more chance to study his character, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." I guarantee that you will get in your thirds in the sweet by and by.

I should scarcely advise your treating him to specimens of your cookery. His mother might excel in the culinary art. Moreover, it was an uncooked apple with which Mother Eve beguiled Adam. Of the righteousness of that transaction I shall say nothing; of the success everything, in that she molded Adam to her will. Time enough to "feed the brute" when you have to do so, then feed him to your heart's content, and feed him well.

If you are making any progress with him, accord him trifling familiarities, which may be increased in proportion to his affability and his interest in you. Your womanly intuition should by this time enable you to judge whether or not you have found favor in his sight and to act accordingly. "Be ye wise as serpents, but harmless as doves."

Should there spring up between you a mutual regard, treat him to some of those dainty feminine touches which are indescribable, not because they are womanly or wrong, but because their language is mute and sacred to the two persons most concerned.

Do not always agree with him. It is sometimes wiser to agree to disagree.

If you have a spark of wit in your nature, you ought by this time to have made yourself so necessary to his existence that he will miss you sadly when absent and will begin to realize that "it is not good for man to be alone."

Though all progresses well, draw the line at promiscuous osculation. Never permit him to kiss you. That is the privilege of the engaged. But since the apostle says, "Greet ye one another with an holy kiss," you might vouchsafe him just one—some night at parting, perhaps. But if he attempts to return it do not permit it. Tell him, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Finally, you might inform him that you can put him in the way of finding a "good thing," and refer him to the nineteenth chapter of Proverbs, the twenty-second verse. If he be a manly sort of fellow, and cares anything for you, he will doubtless follow the exhortation of the prophet and thus find favor with you and the Lord.

Should your innate modesty rebel somewhat at this suggestion, you may console yourself by remembering that it is indeed your leap year privilege.

If you are the dear, womanly, nestling creature you ought to be, he must have proposed long ago. If he has not, discard him, for either he is not worthy of you or you are not "en rapport" with him.

In that case try again.

People Who Eat Nothing Cold.

The Chinese esteem shrimps above all other things. At a well served table they are brought on swimming about in a glass bowl of water flavored with oil and vinegar, which renders the creatures hysterically alive. With an unerring thumb and forefinger the Chinese diner out plucks forth the struggling fish, nips off the tail at one bite and casts the useless head behind him.

Shocking as it may seem to an English housekeeper, the older the egg in China the more perfect from an epicurean standpoint does it become, for no Chinaman who has a right regard for his palate eats a fresh boiled egg. Taken fresh, eggs are sent to soak, after having been washed in a tub of aromatic water. After a time they are removed, and the water used in mixing a paste of lime and salt, in which the eggs are packed in jars. These are hermetically sealed and set aside to stand for a month, when they are supposed to be fit for eating. Those left packed in salt and lime for 12 months or more, when opened, are found to have changed color, solidified partly and are odorless.

The chief care of the Chinese is to eat nothing cold. Warm or hot food they absorb in abundance, but rightly they maintain that cold food lowers the temperature of the stomach beyond the point where digestion can continue, and so the whole health of the body is endangered.—Pearson's Weekly.

It Is Surprising.

"In a horse trade," said the lawyer thoughtfully, "it has been generally conceded that a man would cheat his own father if opportunity offered."

"True," replied the merchant. "And not only that—he would think it a good joke and boast of it afterward."

"It is admitted," continued the lawyer, "that there is no such thing as real out and out honesty in a horse trade."

"That is beyond the question," returned the merchant. "But what of it? Why do you harp on it so much?"

"I have been wondering," said the lawyer, "why the bicycle makers never used this fact as an argument in advertising their wheels. The passion for trading horses and lies must be disappearing, and in consequence it seems to me it is about time for some one to bob up and demonstrate that the bicycle is a great moral agent and is daily saving men's souls by keeping them out of temptation."

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"Yes. I agree with you there."—Chicago Post.

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute		6
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WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	13	14
1-2 ℔ ℔	8	9
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	6¾
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	6½	6¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔		6¾
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Second-hand, each	1 00	1 10
New New York, each	1 25	1 40
New City, each		1 00
BRESWAX ℔ ℔	25	31
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	7 00
Northern ℔ M	9 00	11 00
BUTTE—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	
Tubs ℔ ℔	13	
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	45
Virginia Meal	40	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		1 50
CANDLES—℔ ℔		
Sperm	18	25
Adamantine	9	10
CHEESE ℔ ℔		
Northern Factory	10	11
Dairy, Cream	11	12
State		9
COFFEE—℔ ℔		
Laguyra	20	10
Rio	15	
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	12	50
EGGS—℔ dozen		20
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	27 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	13 50
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	4 00	5 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	3 75	4 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ box	3 00	3 00
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔		5
FLOUR—℔ barrel—	3 00	3 50
Low grade		3 75
Choice	4 00	4 50
Straight	4 75	5 00
First Patent	4 25	5 50
GLUE—℔ ℔		6½
GRAIN—In bulk—		60
Corn, from store, bag—White	45½	46
Corn, 4 go, in bulk—White		40
Cob, cargo, in bags—White	40	41½
O ts, from store	30	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	30	35
Peas	40	50
HIDES, ℔ ℔		
Green		14
Dry		6
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔—		
Eastern		1 00
Western		90
North River		80
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	5	5½
LARD, ℔ ℔		
Refined	5½	6½
North Carolina	5	10
LIME ℔ barrel		1 10
LUMBER—Mill prices, ℔ M—		
Ship Stuff rewsawed	12 00	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	16 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	21 00	35 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	15 00
MOLASSES— ℔ gallon—		
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		38
" " in bbls		40
Porto Rico, in hhds	35	36
" " in bbls		40
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	14
" " in bbls	14	16
Syrup, in bbls	18	30
NAILS—℔ keg, Cut 60d basis		2 15
PORK—℔ ℔ brl—		
City	8 75	9 00
Rump		8 50
Prime		8 00
RICE—℔ ℔		3½
ROPE—℔ ℔	10	7½
SALT—℔ sack, Alum		75
Liverpool		90
Factory		85
Ame ican		65
On the ℔ Sacks		65
SHINGLES—℔ M, 5 inch ℔ M	2 00	2 50
Common	1 50	1 75
6 inch Saps	3 00	3 50
SUGAR—℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		5¾
Standard A		5¾
White Ex C		5¾
Ex C, Golden		5¾
Yellow		4¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern		6½
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	14 00
R. O. hhd		10 00
TIMBER—℔ cubic foot—Shipping		15
Mill, Prime		7 00
Mill, Inferior	3 00	5 00
Common Mill	4 00	6 00
Inferior to Ordinary		3 00
TALLOW ℔ ℔		4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon	1 20	1 40
North Carolina	1 00	1 10

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1 10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet. Hard 1 40, Yellow Dip 1 90 and Virgin 1 60 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 25½@26c; rosin, strained $1 35; good strained $1 40, tar $1 00, crude turpentine $1 10, 1 50, 1 60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	93
Rosin	396
Tar	416
Crude Turpentine	5

Receipts same day last year—94 casks spirits turpentine, 985 bbls rosin, 551 bbls tar, 71 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on basis of 6¼c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4½	cts ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	5½	" "
Low Middling	6¼	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 13-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 8c.

Receipts—1,068 bales; same day last year 971.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime: 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime 60@65c, Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 88 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@75 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 9 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25, six inch, $2.50 to 3 50, seven inch $3 50 to 4 50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $8.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK December 17—Evening.—Money on call to day was easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 2 per cent, closing offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm, with actual business in bankers bills 483¾@484 for sixty days and 487½@487¾ for demand. Commercial bills 482¾@483¾. Government bonds dull; United States coupon fours 110¾. United States twos 95¼; State bonds higher; North Carolina fours 101; North Carolina sixes 121. Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day was quiet.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 17—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7 3-16c.

Cotton futures—market closed firm; December 6 89@6 91, January 6 98@6 94, February 7 01@7 03, March 7 11@7 13, April 7 18@7 19, May 7 25@7 26, June 7 29@7 30, July 7 33@7 34, August 7 35@7 36. Sales 167 500 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 155 bales; gross 4,981 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,800 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 1 699 bales; forwarded 1 946 bales; sales —— bales; sales to spinners —— bales; stock 361,930 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 38 660 bales; exports to Great Britain 34 390 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 8,105 bales; stock 1,378 857 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 970 084 bales; exports to Great Britain 98 703 bales; to France 1 750 bales; to the Continent 101,593 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4 397,850 bales; exports to Great Britain 1 563,694 bales; exports to France 344 911 bales; exports to the Continent 944,763 bales.

Flour was steady and unchanged; Southern dull, steady and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 00@3 85; good to choice $3 85@3 85. Wheat—spot dull, and firmer with options; free on board 98c; ungraded red 80@98c; options opened firm and advanced ½@¾c, declined ¼@⅝c, advanced ⅜c closing firm at ½@⅝c over yesterday, with a fairly active trade: No. 2 red December 87¼c; January 86⅝c; May 86c. Corn—spot lcss active and easier; No. 2 28¾c at elevator and 29¼c afloat; ungraded mixed 23¾c. options were dull and weak at ⅛@¼c decline; December 28⅝c; January 23¼c; May 21¾c. Oats—spot quiet; options quiet; December 21¾c, January 23¼c; May 24¾c; spot—No. 2, 21¾@21¾c; No. 2 white 25¼c; mixed Western 20@23c. Laid quiet and weak; Western steam 94 13¾; City $3 75, December $4 10, nominal; refined dull; Continent $4 40, South America $4 75, compound $4 37½@4 50. Pork easy and quiet; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter—fancy firm, with light receipts; State dairy 11@19c; do creamery 14@20c; Western creamery 14@20c; Elgins 21c. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania 20@22c; nearby house 15@17c; Western fresh 20@21c; do, per case, $2 60@4 00; Southern 19@20c; limed 15c. Cotton seed oil quiet and about steady; crude 30c; yellow prime 33c. Rice firm, in fair demand and unchanged. Molasses firm, in moderate demand and unchanged. Peanuts quiet. Coffee quiet and unchanged to 10 points down; December $9 15@9 25, January $9 25, March $9 25, May $9 35, July $9 50; spot Rio dull and nomin

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WOMAN'S WORLD.

THOUGH STILL IN HER TEENS, SHE RUNS A MONTANA BANK.

English Hairdressing—A Remarkable Japanese Woman—New England Women's Society—To Be a Museum of Fashion. Mrs. Beecher on Fashions.

Though this town is unknown to fame, it boasts one legitimate claim to classification among the progressive. It has a woman bank cashier. She is not only the cashier, but does the work of the president, board of directors, teller and bookkeeper.

The Merchants' bank of Forsythe is a private concern, with capital stock of $75,000, and its cashier is Miss Mabel Kennedy, an attractive young woman still in her teens. She is not a relative of the owner of the bank, either, but won her position by demonstrating her ability to do the work satisfactorily and safely.

Forsythe is a town of 400 people, being in the center of a vast stock raising country. The bank which Miss Kennedy conducts for an owner who is out of the state most of the time is the only institution of its kind in the city and is the place where all the railroad

MISS MABEL KENNEDY.

men and neighboring stock growers transact their banking business. Deposits often run well up into the thousands, and loans are at times large. Miss Kennedy passes upon all securities offered, makes the loans, receives deposits, draws exchanges, keeps the books and in fact does all the work of the bank.

The bank is in a building of its own, and, though neighbors are within easy call, the busy little cashier never has occasion to invoke the assistance of any of them. She is an expert, rapid accountant, handles money carefully and expeditiously and knows good money from bad. She refuses loans on insufficient security so sweetly and with such tact that would be borrowers have been known to persist time and again, knowing they wouldn't get the money, but counting the chance to talk to the pretty cashier worth the refusal. But the cashier is strictly business during banking hours.

Though there are cattle to the south of them and sheep to the north of them, and cowboys and sheepherders on all sides of them, and a stretch of wild territory in every direction, there never has been any attempt at robbery in Forsythe, and the cashier pursues the even tenor of her way, fearing no harm, knowing that, to a man, the town would rally to her defense should a raid be attempted.

Miss Kennedy is a native of Marshalltown, Ia., where she was born about 18 years ago. Her parents are engaged in business at Forsythe, whither they came several years ago. The bank is owned by a man with large interests in Oregon, and he makes his home there most of the time, and during his absence his trusted cashier is sole manager of the bank in this city. She is a bright little woman, with many social graces, and a great favorite with all the good people of the town.—Forsythe (Mon.) Cor. Chicago Tribune.

English Hairdressing.

Lady Helen Stewart, a fashion leader of England, has decreed that society—that is, the feminine element—must part its hair on the side or expose the forehead guiltless of coquettish curls.

And fashion—that is, in England—is beginning to sway a bit in her direction.

While the American girl would look with horror on this unfeminine coiffeur for her adoption, yet it gives a sigh of relief when it thinks that maybe Lady Helen's example will take effect among the world of Britain's elect.

That frightful curled, frizzed bang that the Princess of Wales insists upon retaining has spoiled the faces of many women who might otherwise have been called pretty.

I shall never forget once seeing Mrs. Beerbohm Tree make her toilet for a reception. She had invited me up to her room. She was combing her mass of yellow hair down over her eyes, and I thought it was only a trick of getting her back hair out of tangles. Judge of my surprise when she frizzed up this mass with the comb as one does feathers with a knife and let it hang in front.

On went the ever present English toque over this heroic bang, and I did not wonder that the bellboys stared.

But Mrs. Tree was only arranging her hair as all of her set do. Therefore let every lover of beauty hope that even the formality of Lady Helen's plain forehead may make headway against the untidy, unbecoming coiffeurs of the women of the English nobility.

What a change the sleek, well groomed head of the American girl must be to them.—Philadelphia Press.

The Poster In Japan.

Four or five years ago I stopped for the night at a little teahouse far up in the mountains of Japan. Nowhere were to be seen any railroads, European castoff clothing or other "modern improvements," and in a walk through the village after a dinner of rice and fish I was led to believe that at last a spot had been found where things were to be as they always had been. But on returning to the village last summer there stood at the door a little maiden with a delightful smile of rejoicing, as she proudly showed in one hand an unmistakable nickel plated American alarm clock and in the other an unbroken tin foiled stick of chewing gum. Verily our civilization had arrived. The next day, however, in a village even more remote, a still greater surprise awaited me, for displayed prominently on a blank wall, with an admiring crowd about it, was a veritable poster, and a few more days showed that this innovation in art, if it may be so called, was common and highly popular. Every teahouse had its series, and all the shops in the bazaars were full of them, and wherever a poster was in sight an admiring throng was sure to be seen. A new style of drawing seemed to go hand in hand with the new idea, and even an understanding of our perspective was appreciable.—"Japanese War Posters," by D. P. B. Conkling, in Century.

Dinner Table Lights.

The summer dinner table is to be lighted with a number of tiny lamps. The novelty last seen is a shade composed of seashells that show marvelously beautiful tints. The effect obtained is that of a glow and is supposed to be more desirable than a bright light.

The last excuse for curling papers has passed away. Some esthetic mind has devised ribbon wavers that are so contrived as to present a fascinating array of tiny bows about the brow.

A LITTLE PINK SHOE.

Only a little pink baby shoe
That is stained and wrinkled and torn,
With a tiny hole where the little pink toe
Peeped out in the days that are gone.

The little pink toe was the "big little pig"
That to market so often would go,
And over and over the legend was told
As I kissed the little pink toe.

"Piggie some more," the red lips would lisp,
And the story and kiss were given
Again and again, so happy were we
In motherhood's foretaste of heaven.

But there came a night, with desolate blight,
When death bore my idol away,
And no little toe ever peeps from the shoe
To be kissed in the sweet old way.

But my tears have deluged the little pink shoe
And stained it a deeper stain,
And I long for the touch that would chill me in death
If it gave me my darling again.

So, when I am dead, lay the little pink shoe
Near my heart that is silent and cold,
And perhaps up above, in the sunlight of love,
I shall kiss the pink toe as of old.
—Kate Thyson Marr in New York Journal.

WAYSIDE DENTISTRY.

Teamster's Tooth Extracted With a Small Hatchet and a Big Nail.

"While traveling in southern Georgia," said Attorney W. W. McNair to a reporter, "I saw a beautiful piece of dental surgery. A teamster developed a toothache while on the road. He thought it would soon be better, but it kept getting worse and worse till he could hardly handle the reins. He put a chew of tobacco on it, but it only jumped the harder. Then he stopped his team, built a little fire, heated a needle redhot and had another teamster jam it down into the cavity to kill the nerve. Still it jumped and thumped till the poor fellow was pretty near insane.

"'Boys, she's got to come out,' he shouted to his companions as he pulled up his team.

"They all stopped, wound their lines around their brakes and climbed down.

"'How can we get her out?' asked one of them.

"'I don't know,' groaned the victim, 'but she's got to come.'

"He opened the jockey box on his seat and rummaged around in it, finally producing a small hatchet and a big nail.

"'I guess you'll have to drive her out with this,' said he, and he sat down on the ground and hung on to a buckeye bush with both hands, while one of his companions placed the end of the nail against the side of the tooth and hit it with the hatchet. The first lick made the teamster jump and yell, but he settled down for another one. The second stroke loosened it up, and after a lot of groaning the teamster wiped the perspiration off his face, climbed on to the buckeye and said:

"'Hit her again, boys!'

"The third lick sent the offending molar flying."—San Francisco Post.

Father Darcy's Witty Retort.

Concerning the celebrated Father Darcy, probably the greatest wit of that witty nation, Ireland, it is related that he once visited the palatial mansion of a perfect specimen of the nouveaux riches, who lived in the neighborhood of Dublin, at the invitation of its pompous owner. He was shown all over the house, his host taking great pains, as is habitual in such cases, to keep the witty and observant priest well informed as to the cost of all the beautiful things he was shown. Finally, after making the complete tour of the chateau, the library was reached, its tremendous shelves groaning under the weight of thousands upon thousands of volumes resplendent in the most magnificent bindings. Here they seated themselves, and the host said, with a sigh of snobbish exultation:

"Well, father, I have brought you here last because this is my favorite room. The other rooms may give pleasure to my wife and my daughters, but this is my place—right here among these books, who are my friends. And these here on the desk," pointing to a score of nitra looking volumes, "are what I may call my intimate friends."

Father Darcy got up and examined one of them, when a broad grin spread over his good natured face as he said:

"Well, it's glad I am to see that you never cut your intimate friends."—Milwaukee Journal.

Developing a Cathodograph.

In developing a cathodograph picture it is noticeable that the development goes on all through the film, back as well as front. This is not the case with ordinary camera exposures, which develop from the front toward the back of the plate. The behavior noted is with the cathodograph an indication of the fact that the sensitive film itself is largely transparent to the cathode rays, and therefore lets them through without fully utilizing them. If they could all be absorbed and made to do chemical work, our time for making an impression would be much abbreviated.—Elihu Thompson in Century.

What to Do Before Bicycling.

First get a vial of arnica, some court plaster, two bits' worth of oil of sassafras and a pound of raw beef. Then prepare your soul for affliction, and as a matter of precaution see that your accident insurance is paid up and your peace made with heaven. This all done, and you are prepared to take your first lesson on a bicycle.—Galveston News.

The czar of Russia is said to have among his household an understudy, singularly like him in appearance, who shows himself at the windows of railway carriages and the like when his majesty does not wish to be disturbed.

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Private letters from the island empire continue to bring interesting word of this remarkable woman, the wife now of the Marquis Oyama, one of the heroes of the late war and beloved of his nation. The marquise seems to be fulfilling the prophecies of her classmates of two decades ago, who felt that her personality must make an imprint on her time. Intensely loyal to her country, she yet left here thoroughly imbued with American principles and determined to aid in the uplifting of her sex in Japan. Her last words to her friends here were to the effect that her ambition in life henceforth was to enlighten and raise her native sisters to the American standard of education and dignity. Of noble blood, her position, with her education, has afforded her unusual opportunity to promote this desire. Her home is the very essence of refinement, with a decidedly foreign style as to arrangement, though the gardens about are royally Japanese. With three charming children, Steimatz—for so her classmates affectionately speak of her—is dispensing a beautiful and uplifting influence to all who come in contact with her. While the war lasted her practical work was constant. She sent out from her own hands, aided by women of all grades of society, enormous quantities of carbolized gauze, with great packages of other sanitary supplies, to the seat of battle. She is promoting many philanthropic schemes, but none of them has she so much at heart as the education of her sisters. She is using the influence of her own and her husband's position to bring about a change of native opinion concerning Japanese women. Believing firmly in education as the chief factor in the elevation of women, in this direction she bends all her energies and arguments.—New York Times.

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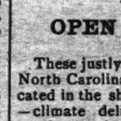

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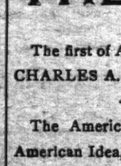

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8 20 / 3 30	Ar...Magnolia...Lv	11 00 / 6 05
11 30 / 3 30	Lv...Magnolia...Ar	10 25 / 6 05
11 30 / 6 30	Lv...Warsaw...Lv	10 25 / 3 00
12 30 / 6 44	Lv...Rockfish...Lv	9 55 / 2 30
1 30 / 7 30	Ar...Newbern...Lv	9 00 / 1 30
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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT DEC. 13, 1896.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.50 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.43 p m, Rocky Mount 1.30 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.30 p m, Petersburg 5.35 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.50 p m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 8.30 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.05 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.46 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 5.32 a m, Richmond 6.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.02 p m, Boston 5.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 50—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.33 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.37 p m, Columbia 9.50 p m, Denmark 5.20 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.35 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.30 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.13 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 2.19 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.08 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 A M — No. 47—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 m, New York 9.40 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 5.45 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 3.35 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rocky Mount 5.40 a m, leave Wilson 6.15 a m, Goldsboro 7.00 a m, Warsaw 7.51 a m, Magnolia 8.03 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.40 a m, Sanford 1.45 p m, Jacksonville 7.10 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 8.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.37 p m, Sumter 7.19 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.56 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.58 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.55 p m. Returning, leave Kinston 7.30 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11.00 a m, Weldon 11.30 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.50 a m and 3.40 p m; returning leave Parmele 9.57 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.25 a m and 7.50 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leave Plymouth daily at 7.15 a m, Arrive Tarboro 9.10 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.05 a m. Returning leaves Smithfield, 9.00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 11.35 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.35 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 6.0 a m, Nashville 6.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 9.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.16 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9.62 a m, Rowland 10.00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5.58 p m, arrives Dillon 6.26 p m, Latta 6.40 p m, Pee Dee 6.53 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.05 p m, leave Conway 2.35 p m, Chadbourn 5.30 p m, arrive Hub 8.05 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.57 a m, 9.40 a m and 3.50 p m, arrive Darlington 9.76 a m, 10.20 a m and 5.00 p m, leave Darlington 9.51 a m and 10.40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10.40 a m and 12.30 p m, leave Cheraw 12.45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2.25 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4.45 p m, leave Cheraw 5.40 p m and 5.15 p m arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6.21 p m. Leave Darlington 7.45 p m, 6.27 and 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 9.40 p m, 6.05 p m and 8.15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Florence 7.30 a m, Darlington 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 9.10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9.30 a m, arrive Floyds 9.40 a m. Returning leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6.41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m. Sumter 9.36 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 4.45 p m, Darlington 5.28 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.06 p m, Gibson 9.50 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.27 p m, Manning 8.05 p m, arrive Lane's 9.17 p m, leave Lanes 8.30 a m, Manning 9.00 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.30 a m, 5.30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 3.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.50 p m, Smithfield 5.35 p m, Dunn 5.55 p m, Fayetteville 6.15 p m. 1.07 a m. Rowland 5.35 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.35 a m, 10.10 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.40 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.40 p m, 12.16 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4.26 a m, Creston 5 2: a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 37 p m, Creston 5 52 p m, Sumter 7 20 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 40 a m, arrive Pregnalls 6 15 a m. Returning leave Pregnalls 6 45 p m, arrives Creston 7.20 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.25 p m, arrive Lockmor 1 p m and 8.35 p m. Returning leave Lockmor 6.05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliot 8.10 a m and 3.30 p m.

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Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	11 20	Goldsboro	11 20	.....
.....	4 10	Kinston	10 32	.....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 27	5 40	Morehead City	8 05	8 17
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.20 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train, from the North at 5.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway.

JOHN GILL, Receiver.

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 15, 1896.

SOUTH BOUND. DAILY. No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	No. 41.
7 45 p m	Ar...Wilmington...Lv	7 10 a m
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 10
4 15 "	Ar Fayetteville Lv	11 30
3 55 "	Ar Fayetteville June Lv	11 50
2 35 "	Lv...Sanford...Ar	1 00
12 21 "	Lv...Climax...Ar	2 34 "
12 01 "	Lv...Greensboro...Ar	2 54 "
11 55 & 25	Ar...Greensboro...Lv	3 25 "
11 07 "	Lv...Statesville...Ar	4 10 "
10 23 "

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 18, 1896

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

Had Good Sport and Bagged a Number of Mallards in the Carolina Marshes Yesterday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

GEORGETOWN, S. C., December 17.—As the President's mail boat, the Water Lily, did not come up to the city this afternoon, nothing definite can be learned as to what success President Cleveland and party had to day in shooting ducks in the big marshes. Mr. Cleveland and Capts Evans and Lamberton went to the marshes very early this morning and had not returned to the Wisteria when the steamer Pilot came by at 12 o'clock. Capt. Hubbard stopped there to give the latest papers to Commander Ackley, in charge of the lighthouse district. Capt. Hubbard says that he saw great long rows of ducks hanging upon the forward deck of the Wisteria and he brought to the city two fine haunches of venison to be expressed to Mrs. Cleveland at Washington this afternoon. I is safe to say that the President had good sport and bagged a number of mallards to day, for parties coming in from the vicinity of the marshes say that the gunshots were distinctly heard following each other in rapid succession. It has been a beautiful cold, clear day, but not so windy as yesterday.

Mr. D. D. Rhem, of F. Rhem & Sons, residing in Williamsburg county, was in the city to day and sent through Gen. E. P. Alexander a very cordial invitation to the President and party to stop over and spend a few days with them on their return trip and hunt deer. They have fine wooded lands, which it is said abound in game of all kinds.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

May Wheat Closed Higher—Corn Unchanged—Oats Higher—Pork Produce Lower.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Wheat traders devoted the first half of the session of the market to-day to selling all the wheat they could and the second half to getting it back, the logical effect of which was lower prices in the morning and higher ones towards the close. Shorts took fright in the last hour at reported clearances of 140 000 barrels of flour at Newport News. The story lacked confirmation, but it was instrumental in causing a recovery of 1⅝c from inside figures. May wheat opened from 79¾c to 80¼c, sold between 79¼c and 80⅝c, closing at 80⅜c—½c higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was weak and lower early, closing firm at an advance over yesterday of ¾c.

The total business in the corn market could very easily have been transacted in thirty minutes without crowding. May corn opened at 25¼c, sold between 25¼ and 25⅝c, closing at 25⅜c—unchanged from yesterday. Cash corn was steady to easy, no essential change in prices being quotable.

When wheat bulged oats hardened through sympathy. May oats closed ¼c higher than yesterday. Cash oats were steady and unchanged.

The provisions market had much room for improvement in the way of business. Trade was in a lethargic state and prices were about steady. Hog prices showed no material change, hence provisions were not inclined either to decline or advance. May pork closed 2½@5c lower, May lard and ribs each 2½c lower.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here was unchanged; no sales; middling uplands 7 8 16c, against 8 ⅛c last year. The Liverpool news to-day was better than had been expected, in view of the decline here yesterday. Liverpool opened steady at about unchanged prices, reacted on a small failure there, but rallied and closed steady at an advance. Prices here opened firmer on the early Liverpool news and a moderate estimate of the receipts at the ports, lost part of the rise in sympathy with the reaction in Liverpool, but still later rallied and closed firm at a net improvement for the day. Shorts covered, New Orleans bought freely here, and outsiders, attracted by the cheapness of prices, were moderate buyers. The dullness of the speculation is the worst feature of the market at the present time. While the receipts continue on such a liberal scale there is not much disposition to support prices, but many contend that the cheapness of prices discounts everything of a bearish nature in the situation. Advices from the South claim that the large movement is due to the usual rush of Christmas cotton, and that after the holidays there will be a falling off in the movement. With a decreased movement, much higher prices are looked for.

THE NORTHEAST GALE.

It Was Raging Yesterday Along the New England Coast—Many Vessels Stranded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., Dec. 17.—The northeast gale last night and to-day is probably the most violent since the great gale of April 8, 1887, when seven vessels were stranded here. Fortunately last night there was but a small fleet harbored here, but seven of these are now strewn along shore at the head of the harbor.

The New England Associated Press boat, which has collected marine news for this organization in this harbor during the past sixteen years, broke from her mooring and drove against the steamboat wharf, where she went to pieces. The United States revenue boat doing service in this harbor was also driven ashore. Several other small craft were stranded last night.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Rosin steady: strained common to good $1 80@1 85. Spirits turpentine firm at 37@37½c.

CHARLESTON, December 17.—Spirits turpentine firm at 34½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: A, B, C, D, E, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, December 17.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35c; sales 1 000 casks; receipts 978 casks. Rosin firm; sales 5 800 barrels; receipts 5 599 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F $1 45, G $1 50, H $1 60, I $1 75, K $1 80, M $2 00, N $2 25, W G $2 45, W W $2 70@2 75.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA

Will Probably be Made To-day in the Senate—Bill to Amend the Immigration Laws Passed—The Army Appropriation Bill Passed by the House—Preparations for the Inauguration of President-elect Wm. McKinley.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The bill which passed the House of Representatives last session and for which a substitute was reported by the Senate committe, to amend the immigration laws of the United States, occupied the attention of the Senate during nearly the whole of to-day's session. The substitute was amended in some particulars, the most notable being one providing that the act shall not apply to Cuban refugees during the existing troubles in Cuba and then it was passed by a vote of 68 to 10 and a conference asked with the House. The bill as passed, excludes, in addition to those classes excluded under existing laws, all persons over sixteen years of age, who cannot read and write the language of their native country or some other language; but it does not exclude the wife, child, parent or grandparent of an admissible immigrant, notwithstanding their inability to read and write.

The House amendments to the Senate bill as to the land of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company were laid before the Senate and were, on motion of Mr. Hill, non-concurred in and a conference asked, Senators Hill, Platt and Clark being appointed conferees on the part of the Senate.

In presenting a lot of petitions from Alabama declaring that there was no lawful State Government in that State, Mr. Chandler collided with Mr. Allen in reference to the failure of Mr. Allen's resolutions of inquiry on that subject last session, Mr. Chandler asserting that the resolutions had failed because of some intemperate remarks of Mr. Allen's questioning the motives of Republican Senators, and Mr. Allen denying that, but asserting that he had had a grave suspicion that the resolutions never would be acted on in good faith on the Republican side of the chamber.

A bill to authorize the construction of a railroad bridge across the Sabine river, between Louisiana and Texas, was reported and passed.

After a short executive session, the Senate at 4.30 p. m. adjourned until Monday next.

A prominent member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations is authority for the statement that the committee was this morning polled and that it will probably to-morrow morning order a favorable report on Senator Cameron's resolution, calling for the recognition of the Republic of Cuba and offering the friendly offices of the United States to bring the war to a close.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House to-day set the inaugural ball rolling by the passage of the usual bills authorizing the laying of temporary railroad tracks to accommodate the increased travel, the use of streets and reservations for the occasion of reviewing stands and the loan of such Government flags and ensigns as can be spared for decorative purposes.

The Army Appropriation bill, which was the unfinished business at the opening of the session, was passed, after the amendment recommended by the Committee of the Whole Wednesday, practically abolishing the Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., by cutting off the appropriation for its maintenance, had been agreed to.

Mr. Burton of Ohio, Republican, offered a resolution directing the President to enter into negotiations with Great Britain to secure if possible the abrogation of the section of the treaty of 1817, which prohibits the building of war vessels at ship yards located on the Great Lakes.

Half a dozen measures of local interest to the District of Columbia were passed and consideration of the Legislative Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill was begun in Committee of the Whole. Thirty-one pages of the 110 comprising the bill were disposed of without amendment, when at 5 o'clock the committee arose and the House adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Woodman of Illinois, Republican, introduced in the House to-day a bill to amend the section of the Revised Statutes relative to neutrality, which prohibits military expeditions against people at peace with the United States. He proposes to add to this section the following: "Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be considered or construed as applying to or as applicable to the supplying of means for charitable purposes, for hospital stores and medicines, or for the relief of persons who may be ill, wounded, destitute or otherwise helpless or disabled."

The passage of the measure would allow the shipment of food, medicines and clothing to Cuba.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Felt Throughout Wales and the South of England Yesterday Morning.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 17.—Two strong shocks of earthquake were felt throughout Wales the Midlands and the south of England early this morning. The first shock occurred at 8 o'clock and the second at half-past five, the waves passing from west to east. Houses were violently shaken, beds moved from their places, doors forced open and furniture overturned. Telegrams from all quarters concur in the statement that the first shocks were of thirty seconds duration and was followed by a loud rumbling sound and minor tremblings of the earth. The second shock was shorter, but the more severe. Many people in Windsor, Cheltenham and other places rushed out of their houses, but no one was hurt. The Cathedral at Hertford was damaged somewhat, but no serious damage is reported.

At Hertford the rumbling sound was followed by two crashes. Men and women rushed from their houses into the streets and one woman died from fright.

At Ruthin the shocks were accompanied by thunder and lightning and for fifteen seconds there was a distinct movement of the earth.

At Liverpool the shocks were followed by thunder, lightning and hail and there were similar manifestations at Bridgenorth, where the streets at first seemed to be on fire for several seconds. After this there was a violent report followed by a heavy shock. Only a slight quaking sensation was felt at Manchester, Birmingham and in the northwestern part of London. The damage was not serious anywhere.

The area of seismic disturbance was unusually wide, extending hundreds of miles from London north to Lincoln, thence west to Lancashire, south through Wales to Taunton and southeast to Southampton, over two hundred towns and villages being affected. There were, however, no fatalities except in the case of a woman who died of fright at Hertford. The telegraph lines were not affected. The attaches of the Greenwich observatory say that the galvanometer which registers the earth currents showed a very slight disturbance at the time of the shocks. The authorities at the Stonevhurst observatory say that their galvanometers showed no indication whatever of a seismic disturbance.

Lieber & Maass, lithographers and printers, of New York city, have made an assignment. Liabilities, $30,000; nominal assets, $126,000; actual assets, $40,000.

THE CUBAN LEAGUE

ISSUES AN ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Setting Forth the Principles and Purposes of the Organization and Asking Aid of Citizens in All Parts of the Country.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Col. Ethan Allen, president of the Cuban League of the United States, which was organized the other evening by a number of prominent New Yorkers at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, issued an address to the country to day, in which he sets forth the principles and purposes of the organization. The address, after reviewing the struggle in Cuba from its inception to the present time, says:

"We are charged before the world with impotency, in not protecting our own citizens against Spanish violence on Cuban soil, and in hushing our indignation at unnumbered cruelties in Cuba, while millions of American capital there invested are gradually disappearing, which would be saved by the immediate intervention of this Government.

"Fellow-citizens, it is due to ourselves as well as to Cuba, that this record should be reversed. This has been our record hitherto, and we are persuaded will not remain so now, when an appeal is made to the humanity as well as to the material interests of our people.

"We do not propose nor is it necessary to violate our laws. But if the laws stand in the way, then change the laws. We, the people, are the source of power and may dictate what the law shall be, and therefore cannot shield ourselves behind statutory phraseology from the odium of not fulfilling our natural obligations toward a people struggling to be free. Let us so speak that the Executive of this nation and our representatives in Congress shall recognize Cuban independence and all will be well. We are not required to raise battalions of men nor to furnish ships of war; but we are called upon to declare that the heart of this nation is with the oppressed Cubans, and then with her independence acknowledged, her unarmed heroes may obtain from us as required the equipments of war, as Spain has done heretofore, and thus we blaze the way for a final victory, as sure to follow as in the end right triumphs over wrong.

"While we willingly give our sympathy in words we should remember that there are times when an empty hand carries no favor. Such a time is the present, when the Cubans stand in need of every necessity of life from exhaustive battles. They must, of course, be drained of resources which our people should supply. Arms and ammunition, and more than these, food for hungry troops and people, with medicines for their sick and wounded, may be shipped to insurgent ports with full permission of our statutes since, with no formal blockade against us, we may as freely traffic there as with the ports of continental Spain. To furnish these things, which may legally be done, money becomes literally the sinews of war. The League asks for subscriptions throughout the United States in aid of patriots, which may be sent to Hon. Darwin R. James, the treasurer, at 208 Broadway, New York city.

"The Cuban League of the United States is organized to give practical consolidation to the sentiment of American citizens and the moral support of the same in securing to Cuba, by all legal means, the right of self-government. It is proposed to so arouse public sympathy by mass meetings and through the press, that recognition as an independent State shall be secured to the patriots.

"The League will hold a grand mass meeting in Cooper Union, in the city of New York, on Monday, December 21st. It is desired that branch organizations be formed throughout the country, and that meetings be held in other prominent cities of the nation. Friends who may read this address will assist if they organize at once and report progress to the secretary, Francis Wayland Glen, No. 189 Nassau street, New York city. We earnestly request the co-operation of all men and women in this cause. In grateful recollection of those who crossed the ocean to help our fathers a century ago, let us do now what is necessary to encourage those who are repeating the story of Washington and his compatriots. From the North and from the South, the East and the West, let one united voice proclaim independence for the patriots, and young Cuba, powerful because of this, shall scourge the assailant from her soil and take her place with us in the family of Republics.

Ethan Allen, President, New York, December 17, 1896. Executive Committee: Paul Dana, John Jacob Astor, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Erwin Wardman, Frank B. Carpenter, Frederick D. Grant, John D. Keiley, John C. McGuire, R. C. Alexander, Constant A. Andrews, Walter S. Logan, Thomas E. Stewart, Francis Wayland Glen, Secretary.

MACEO SAID TO BE ALIVE.

Passengers Arriving at Key West Report That He is in the Province of Matanzas.

KEY WEST, FLA., Dec. 17.—Passengers arriving here to-night from Havana state that Antonio Maceo is alive and well and is in the province of Matanzas.

These passengers say all of the festivities that were going on in Havana to celebrate Maceo's death have been ordered stopped since it has become known that he is alive.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., Dec. 17.—Passengers by the Olivette last night report that great uneasiness is felt in Havana on account of the uncertainty of Maceo's death. It is reported on good authority that the commander of Matanzas province has notified Gen. Weyler by telegram to cease all demonstrations on account of the death of Maceo and that Gen. Bernal, of said province, had an engagement Tuesday week with Maceo, who had five thousand men with him. The Spaniards report a victory as usual. Passengers state that the report of Maceo's death is well understood in Havana and that it was made up by order of the home Government to influence the Congress of the United States.

There was the wildest kind of excitement on the dock last night when the facts became known. The cheers for Cuba Libre shook the dock. It is also said that there are private letters in the city confirming the above but it is impossible to get at them to-night.

The cruiser Raleigh returned yesterday afternoon from her chase after the Three Friends. It is reported that they did not see anything of her. It is reported on good authority that a small boat landed at this port from the Three Friends about 4 o'clock.

PALMETTO RAILWAY.

Stockholders' Meeting—Mr. Hoffman of the S. A. L. Elected President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—President Hoffman and Vice President St. John, of the Seaboard Air Line, are here to-day attending the meeting of stockholders of the Palmetto Railway. The latter extends from Hamlet, N. C., to Cheraw, S. C., and was recently sold under foreclosure. It was to-day reorganized with Hoffman as president.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

THE PRIZE FIGHTERS.

A Victory For Sharkey in the Contest For the $10,000 Purse at San Francisco—Corbett Signs an Agreement to Fight Fitzsimmons to a Finish.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Arguments were begun in the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey case this morning. General Barnes, counsel for the sailor, moved to dismiss the injunction on the grounds that there was no distinction between a glove contest and a prize fight. Attorney Friedrich, for Fitzsimmons, asked the court not to consider outside matters, but to decide according to the allegations. At the conclusion of the arguments Judge Sanderson said this was the first time the matter had been presented; the former proceedings were merely the taking of depositions, no distinction being made between a glove contest and a prize fight. He therefore dismissed the injunction and threw the case out of court. This is a victory for Sharkey. The suit was brought to enjoin the payment to Sharkey of the check for the $10,000 purse.

NEW YORK, December 17.—James J. Corbett this afternoon, at Taylor's Hotel, Jersey City, signed articles of agreement to fight Bob Fitzsimmons to a finish on March 17, 1897, for a purse of $15 000, to be given by Dan Stuart. The place of the battle is to be announced before February 17th. Stuart is to post a forfeit of $5 000 in the hands of Richard K. Fox or Al Smith, and Corbett and Fitzsimmons must each post $3 000 as guarantee of good faith.

George Siler, of Chicago, is named as referee. Corbett signed the articles before he noticed that they reserved all privileges for Stuart, and he became somewhat excited when he thought of the kinetiscope privileges. After some reflection he finally said: "I would not change the articles for $1 000,000, but if I find out that Julian or Fitzsimmons gets any share of the privilege money I will kick for my share."

Corbett also said that he would like to have an additional clause inserted calling for a $10,000 side bet in order that he might put himself right before the public on Fitzsimmons' statements, but stated that as far as he himself was concerned he was ready to fight the Australian for a dime or for nothing. Although for obvious reasons no place was mentioned for the holding of the fight, it not unlikely that the rendezvous will be in Mexico.

Corbett and Stuart signed the articles, with "Parson" Davies as witness. The business was to have been accomplished at the *Police Gazette* office, but when the party arrived there a couple of Central Office detectives were on the watch and it was decided to go to Jersey, as all hands rendered themselves liable to arrest for signing articles for a prize fight in this State. Stuart stated to a representative of the Southern Associated Press that he would wait until Fitzsimmons arrived in this city to get his signature to the articles. The Australian is due here in about ten days. The Texan said further that if Fitzsimmons objected to Fox or Smith as stakeholder, that he would let Bob name any three men he desired and from these Stuart would try to select a stakeholder.

Undoubtedly Siler will be satisfactory to Fitzsimmons as referee, and as far as can be seen, both Stuart and Corbett are anxious to meet the Antipodean more than half way, in order to get on a fight. Corbett seems perfectly satisfied that Stuart can bring off the contest and it appears as if the Texan promoter is equally confident, so that no apparent obstacles are in sight at present unless Fitzsimmons or his manager Julian find blocks to put in the way. As the matter now stands the question of supremacy as between Corbett and Fitzsimmons is in a fair way of settlement. Fitzsimmons was not represented at the meeting.

HAVANA ADVICES.

Reports by Spaniards of Unimportant Engagements With the Cubans—Insurgent Forces Invading Matanzas Province—Believed to be Concentrating Their Forces in Santa Clara Province.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 17.—The bulletins issued by the Government to day regarding engagements of the troops are unimportant.

A correspondent at Guanajay reports that the forces under Major Lacosta have captured at Mosquito Beach a Spanish deserter who belonged to the Alfonso Thirteenth Battalion. The prisoners says that he was forced to join Maceo's forces in Pinar del Rio. He repeats the story that Maceo did not cross the trocha on land, but went by sea around the northern end of it. After landing in the province of Havana, Maceo met the forces of Lieut. Vasquez, who was waiting at Mosquito Beach between Mariel and Banes. The prisoner complains that he was ill treated by the rebels. His story is considered suspicious and he will be tried by a court martial.

The Queen Regent has sent a dispatch to Captain General Weyler complimenting him upon the result of his campaign against the insurgents.

Advices from the province of Pinar del Rio are to the effect that several Spanish battalions have penetrated to the interior of the hills there, in places that were considered impregnable by the rebels. The insurgents had disappeared, so the troops burned the huts that had been occupied by them. A number of horses and cattle were captured.

The officers commanding in Pinar del Rio have no idea of the present locality of the rebels in that province. Scouting parties have failed to learn their whereabouts, but the military profess to believe that their abandonment of almost unassailable positions is proof of the disorganization that has followed the death of Maceo.

Indications point to rebel parties having entered the province of Matanzas. Their trails show the direction in which they have gone, and a Spanish column is following in their track. It is believed that a concentration is intended in Santa Clara province of rebels from the east and west. The Government says it is watching the movement, and so far as can be gathered from outside sources it is doing little besides watching to prevent the rebels from carrying out their plans.

A colored woman named Francisca Herrera has been tried by court martial here on a charge of rebellion. The prosecution asked that she be sentenced to death. The sentence of the court martial, if it has been passed, has not been made public.

NEWS OF THE NAVY.

Movements of U. S. Warships.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The cruiser Marion has arrived at La Libertad, where she will be joined by the Bennington in a few days, when the two vessels will proceed to Jiquilisco, Salvador harbor, to make a hydrographic survey of this port, which has never been accurately charted.

The gunboat Petrel was placed in commission at the Mare Island, California, navy yard to day, after thorough repairs. She will be drilled in Santa Barbara channel for a short time and then sent back to duty on the China station, where for several years past she proved so useful.

The College of Medicine, at Detroit, Mich. was gutted by fire yesterday morning. Loss, $45,000.

NEW YORK'S BLIZZARD.

Snow-bound Trains on the Long Island Railroad—Passengers Compelled to Pass the Night in the Cars.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The conditions incident to stalled trains that are supposed to be obtained only in the far West were to be found quite near at hand last night. The tracks of the Long Island Railroad were piled high with snow and many trains were stalled for hours. The trains from Port Jefferson and Northport respectively for Long Island City were blocked between Westbury and Mineola and the passengers were compelled to pass the night in the cars. The trains started out at 5.30 yesterday afternoon and did not get through until 1 o'clock this morning. The passengers made themselves as comfortable as possible. They kept the fires in the stoves burning brightly and sent foraging parting out among the farmers who returned with an abundant food supply. Then the snow-bound passengers proceeded to eat, after which some of them gathered around the stoves and told stories, while others settled themselves in their seats and went to sleep. The eastbound trains from Long Island City had no better luck. Two trains bound from Long Island City to Waverly and Floral Park, respectively, and one bound west from Greenport did not get through until 11 o'clock to day. The passengers passed the night in the same manner as those stalled on the westbound trains.

CUBAN SYMPATHIZERS.

Meeting in New York City—Congress Petitioned to Act Speedily in the Cuban Matter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The American Friends of Cuba held a meeting to-night at Grocers' Hall, which was filled. Franz Mayer, president of the organization presided and held a lithograph of General Maceo before his desk, which excited great enthusiasm. The hall was decorated with Cuban and American flags.

Mr. Mayer announced that he had received more than a thousand communications within the past few days in regard to Cuban affairs. No less than 304,000 signatures, he said, had been secured to the petition circulated asking Congress to act speedily in the Cuban matter.

It was announced that branches of the American Friends of Cuba had been organized in nearly all of the larger cities of the United States.

The Friends of Cuba will assemble and march in a body to the mass meeting to be held at Cooper Union under the auspices of the Cuban League next Monday night. They expect to have 5,000 in line. It was announced to night that the speakers at the meeting would be Senator Morgan, Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, Chauncey M. Depew, Gen. Butterfield and Gen. Sickles. It is expected that the auditorium will be filled and that overflow meetings will be necessary. Outside speeches will be provided for.

SHIPPING CORN TO INDIA.

The First Cargo Will be Sent Out from Philadelphia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, December 17.—The first cargo of corn which has ever been shipped from this country to India will be carried by the German steamship Remus, which left Baltimore to-night for this port. The British Government has purchased 140 000 bushels of corn in this country, which will be loaded here by the Remus and taken to India. The corn will be distributed by Government agents and will be planted in the hope of producing a crop to alleviate in a measure the impending famine in India.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, $121,081,594; currency, $46 619 703.

Patrick Donnelly, lumber merchant of Montreal, has assigned, with liabilities of $100 000.

The American Federation of Labor Convention, at Cincinnati, endorsed a boycott on the goods of the American Tobacco Trust.

Fire at Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday destroyed the Casino building and contents, which represented an investment of about $450 000. Insurance will not exceed $50 000.

The libel suit of Father MacDonald, the silenced priest, against the Brooklyn (N. Y.) *Eagle* for $50,000, was concluded yesterday, the jury rendering a verdict for the plaintiff of six cents.

The British steamer Keldona was stranded at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, half a mile north of False Cape, Va., 800 yards from shore. The life-saving crew have gone aboard.

James Town, more popularly called "Jim Town," California, was nearly wiped out by fire yesterday. Thirty buildings were burned, with a loss of $50,000; insurance half that amount.

Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton, daughter of Mrs. William Astor, was married in London, Eng., yesterday, to Mr. George Haig, a member of the firm of Haig & Haig, whiskey merchants, of London.

The canvass of the official vote of South Dakota was completed yesterday. The Populists get the Governor, Attorney General and Railroad Commissioner and the Republicans all the remaining offices.

The steam yacht Vamoose arrived at Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday, from Savannah. The yacht was inspected and searched by an officer of the revenue cutter Boutwell. She took on coal and will leave this morning for Miami and Key West.

The county court house at Galveston, Texas, was completely gutted by fire Wednesday night. All the records were saved. The loss on the court house is estimated at $55,000; it is insured for $30 000.

Two bold highwaymen held up a west-bound Southern Railway passenger train near Bryant station, Alabama, and succeeded in escaping with a large amount of money. Details are meagre. Deputies with dogs have gone to the scene.

The official statistics of the bubonic plague in Bombay show that there have been 1,551 cases and 1,094 deaths from the disease. Over 900,000 persons have fled from the city and the flight continues daily.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of Magrane Coxe, of New York, to be Minister to Guatemala and Honduras, and Charles A. Prouty, of Vermont, to be Inter-State Commerce Commissioner.

It was announced yesterday that the Carnegie Steel Company had reduced the price of steel rails from $28 to $25 per ton. For a year past the price has been $28. The object of the reduction, it is said, is to induce the lines to buy more freely.

Prof. Alexander Hermann, the magician, who appeared at the Rochester, N. Y., Lyceum Theatre Wednesday night, died Thursday morning in his private car while on his way to Bradford, Pa., where he was to open an engagement yesterday evening.

THE WHOLE STORY of the wonderful cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla is soon told. It makes the blood rich, pure and nourishing. It cures scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, etc.

HOOD'S PILLS act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

THE OLDEST LOCK.

It Formerly Secured One of the Doors of a Palace of Nineveh.

The very oldest lock in existence is one which formerly secured one of the doors of a palace of Nineveh. It is a gigantic affair, and the key to it, which is as large as one man can conveniently carry, reminds one of the Scriptural passage where the prophet makes reference to such instruments being carried on the shoulder. The exact words in the passage referred to are, "And the key of the house of David I will lay upon his shoulder."

This enormous key to the lock from Nineveh is nearly 8¼ feet in length and of the thickness of a four inch drain tile. It was found at the end of a ruined chamber, where a large wooden door had probably once stood, the gigantic brass hinges and heavy bars being still in fair condition, though somewhat corroded. This relic of the olden times has but few points of resemblance to the keys of modern manufacture, or even to those of the early part of the Christian era. The tubular idea had never been thought out in those days, but the key is fearfully and wonderfully made, being equally as intricate a piece of machinery as the lock in which it was used. A great many of the bars and pegs in the lock are believed to have been made of wood, as their places are now empty. The notches and pegs in the key, however, show that there were corresponding pegs and bars in the lock at one time. The great lateral iron bars at the end of the key, with their complicated series of notches, crossbars, bumps, etc., are proof that the lock was once similarly provided. This being the case, it is reasonable to suppose that at one time the door to that palace could not have been opened until the key had been inserted and the impediment to the drawing back of the bolt removed by raising up so many bars and pins which had fallen down into their places upon the key having been withdrawn. Similar locks and keys were in use in Egypt 5,000 years ago.—St. Louis Republic.

THERE WERE FISH.

But It Took an Extra Quarter to Find Where They Were.

"The most taciturn people in the world live in western North Carolina and east Tennessee," said a department clerk.

"I went fishing near Elk Park, and in some of the streams down there is the finest trout fishing in the world. There were four of us in the party, and we went up one of the mountain creeks for about three miles. A native passed us, and I asked:

"'Are there any trout in the creek?'

"'Yep.'

"We threw our lines and fished every hole in the creek for two miles without getting a bite, then walked back toward town with empty baskets. Meeting the native again, I said:

"'I thought you stated there were trout in that creek?'

"'Thar is.'

"'Well, we didn't get a bite.'

"'I 'lowed yo' all wouldn't when I seed yo' try.'

"'Why not, if there are fish there?'

"'Yo' didn't ax me ef thar war trout whar yo' was fishin.'

"'What did I ask you?' I inquired, getting angry.

"'Ef thar war trout in the crick, an thar is heap of 'em.'

"'Where are they?'

"'Still in the crick.'

"'What part of the creek?'

"'In the middle, 'cept them as at the sides. Thar ain't none on the banks.'

"I gave him a quarter and he said:

"'They don't never come up this far. 'Bout two miles down the crick thar's plenty.'

"We went down the creek, and the native was right. I never saw better fishing."—Washington Star.

Asbestus.

An interesting distinction, though not generally understood, is made in the qualities of asbestus by those who are engaged in the industrial handling of that article. Though, broadly speaking, this substance is a silicate of magnesia, in some cases lime displaces the magnesia base. In rare cases alumina takes the place of magnesia, and what is called blue asbestus is a silicate of iron, from in this case displacing the magnesia. This blue asbestus or fibrous silicate of iron possesses many times the strength of true asbestus, a thread of it only one twenty-fifth of an inch in diameter carrying 100 pounds, but by reason of its containing from 30 to 40 per cent of protoxide of iron it is neither fire nor acid proof, nor is it a good nonconductor of heat; hence does not possess the valuable properties of true asbestus. Silica and water are the only two elements that are always constant in asbestus, the silica rarely falling below 40 parts to the 100, while in some of the anhydrous varieties the water falls as low as 2 or 3 parts to the 100.—New York Sun.

Popular Corsage Decorations.

It has been the habit to laugh at the Johnny with his enormous chrysanthemum. Now the women are taking to the big flower, although not necessarily a chrysanthemum. To be up to date the feminine corsage must be decorated with a flower of tremendous proportions—a poppy, a wild rose, a lily or a single dahlia. Any of these flowers will do, but the blossom must be as big as it can be got.

The idea is a great deal like the sunflower craze of 10 or 15 years ago, when the emblem of æstheticism was worn by everybody. It is true that the sunflower was not so handsome as some of the flowers that are popular now, so that the woman of today is better than she was when everything was "precious" and angularity was regarded as the outward significance of inward culture. The single blossom must be fastened in the middle of the corsage, and if the woman has some difficulty in seeing over the top of it, so much the more stylish she.—New York Press.

A Revived Fashion.

Paris designers are making a graceful princess gown resembling a directoire redingote—a revived fashion handsomely improved upon. One model is of sage green etamine, of silky texture, with petticoat front of lustrous shot silk reflecting pink, green and pale gold shades. The large revers, stock collar and sleeve trimmings are of sage green velvet. Small buttons of brown and gold fasten the narrow shirred vest, and three very large ones to match are on either side of the waist portion beyond the points of the revers. Another model is cut out square in the neck, with guimpe, and full sleeves of Marie Antoinette brocade.

The Women Voted.

Woman's suffrage was tried at the annual elections in the Episcopal churches in Oakland, Cal., recently and proved a great success. The women turned out in large numbers to exercise their new privilege and interested themselves greatly in the elections. They did not in any case form a woman's party arrayed against the men, but voted for the regular nominees.

Its Effect.

Boggs—I see the weather bureau has put in a typewriter.

Foggs—Well, that means that we are about to have a bad spell of weather.—Yonkers Statesman.

Women Graduate at St. Andrews.

The graduation ceremonial at St. Andrews this year was memorable for the bestowal of the M. A. degree upon four women students, to say nothing of the capping of "Ian Maclaren" as D. D. In the course of his remarks at the conclusion of the ceremony Principal Donaldson drew attention to one remarkable feature which demanded special notice.

"Last year," he observed, "one woman student received the degree of master of arts, but her attendance and course of studies were exceptional. This year they had conferred the degree upon several who had regularly gone through all their classes, doing the ordinary work along with the other students. The attendance of women students at regular classes had been deemed by many a doubtful experiment. But the women students had justified the bestowal of the privilege upon them. They had exercised a healthy influence on all. They had worked with great diligence, and the list of distinctions which they had gained was proof that they could gain the highest eminence, not only in languages, but in mathematics, natural philosophy and logic, subjects for which some persons thought women had no great capacity."—London News.

The Feminine Scorcher.

The feminine scorcher is not an altogether lovely object. Unless she intends to be a professional she should leave this form of amusement to men. A woman with her back doubled into a bowknot, her hat awry, her hair dishevelled and her face scarlet with exertion is neither fascinating nor attractive. She takes on an anxious, worried look in her eyes, and has her muscles developed at the expense of her feminine grace and her complexion coarsened by the rude contact of wind and weather. Instead of exercise the scorcher invites exhaustion, which is sure to follow in the wake of fast and fatiguing rides. The woman who has a passion for scorching loses half the pleasure of riding. She rushes along without taking time to contemplate the beauties of nature. The melting hues of summer sunsets, the charm of the smiling landscape, are all lost upon the inveterate scorcher, whose sole ambition it is to do so many miles in a certain stipulated length of time. Besides, she does not take near as much care of herself as the trainer does of a valuable race horse.

She finally breaks down from sheer exhaustion and decides that her mission as a scorcher is finished.—Godey's Magazine.

A Charming Lawn Costume.

"A charming lawn costume, stamped at once with simplicity and smartness, is made of material that has a dark blue background with a hair line of white running through it," writes Isabel A. Mallon in Ladies' Home Journal. "The skirt is quite plain, but on each side of the center of the front width a dark blue taffeta ribbon starts from the belt and extends to the edge of the skirt, being caught about a quarter of a yard from the edge with a full rosette of white satin ribbon. The bodice is draped to the figure and has a sailor collar at the back made of the lawn and overlaid with embroidery cut to fit it. In front are two flaring revers of the lawn overlaid with embroidery in the same way. These are cut down sharply at the waist line and terminate in a belt of blue taffeta ribbon that is drawn to the back, where it falls in long ends, while it is caught just at the joining at the center of the waist line at the back with a flaring bow of white satin ribbon. The stock is of white satin ribbon with a turned over collar of the embroidery, and at the back there is a blue taffeta bow that flares so much it can be seen from the front. The full sleeves shape in at the wrists. The hat is dark blue."

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